

Kolehmainen Wins Senior Cross Country Title in Fast Time

Irish-American Club Entry
Carries Off Team
Honors.

RUNNERS FLOUNDER
THROUGH ICY WATER

Goodly Field Makes Fine Showing
Over Stiff Six-Mile Course
at Van Cortlandt Park.

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Hannes Kolehmainen, acknowledged as the greatest distance runner in the world, ran in record-breaking form yesterday in winning the annual senior cross-country championship of the A. A. U. at Van Cortlandt Park. The marvellous Finn went the distance of a triathlon over six miles in the new figures of 33 minutes and 36 seconds, bettering the time of 33:43 made last week by Nick Gianakopoulos, the Greek, in the junior run.

Pressing Kolehmainen closely in the last mile, Arthur J. Fogel, the metropolitan title holder, finished in second place, about sixty yards back, in 38 minutes and 49 seconds, leading Tom Barden and George Holden, of Yonkers, by about twenty-five and forty yards, respectively.

The Irish-American Athletic Club team, with Kolehmainen, Fogel, Barden and Patrick Flynn as its representatives, won the team honors by an overwhelming margin. First, second, third, fourth and sixth places went to the Winged Fists Club, for a total of 16 points.

The second team to finish was the New York Athletic Club, with Hugh Hoshan, William Horton, H. Acker, M. Hughes and G. Critchley, for a total of 49 points, and the runners of the Mercury Athletic Club, of Philadelphia, the only other club to brave the rigors of the run, in third place, with a total of 60 points.

Holden and David Atwood, of the New Bedford (Mass.) Harriers, were the only individual entries. Holden gained fourth place and Atwood being the last man of twenty to finish. It was a bitter test for the hardiest of hill and dale men yesterday. A wind that chilled to the bone swept the course, patches of snow dotted the hills and the meadow lands, and the break over which every man had to cross twice in the two circuits of the course was a nightmare of icy memories.

The level stretch, where the men were to start and finish, was lined for a distance of 300 yards, by men and women, when John J. McHugh, the peerless starter, pulled the trigger of his trusty revolver and sent the men away. The steep hill he had to scale was dotted with several hundred spectators, and the golfers who were out on the links at this point stopped to watch the winding line of runners as they plodded up the leading heights.

Crowd at the Water Jump.

Perhaps the point most anxiously sought by the onlookers, was the water jump of a mile from the finish, where the water jump was situated. This is in marshy land in the middle of a copse of woods, and here more than a thousand persons gathered and cheered as the hill and the water jump were reached. The runners emerged on the other side streaked with black mud.

Kolehmainen wore a heavy brown jersey over his running shirt, whereas the middle of the pack, contestants braved the cold with bare arms. As the twenty-two starters waited on the starting line for the signal, the Finn stood with a heavy overcoat wrapped about his muscular legs. He was taking no chances of getting a cramp and putting those little sinews out of commission.

The men started off easily, with Kolehmainen hanging back about in the middle of the pack. Atwood, in some manner, got jumbled up with the crowd at the start and fell, describing a complete circle, with his head as the pivot point. He picked himself up quickly and set sail after the others, but he never succeeded in getting up with the leaders, evidently having been severely jarred on the frozen ground.

Half a mile from the start, mounting the hill on the golf links, Kolehmainen essayed to take the lead, and there was none hardy enough to dispute the place with him. From that point on the Finn led the pack to the finish, and at no time seemed to be calling upon his reserve strength.

The crowd in the clump of woods, where the brook tinkled in mellow tones beneath a sheathing of ice, gossamer-like in thinness, set up a shout of "Here they come! Koly in the lead!" and there, sure enough, came the light-haired man from the north, threading his way carefully through the bare undergrowth.

Arriving at the brook, Kolehmainen started to cross, first at one point, then another, seeking the easiest way. For fifteen seconds he kept running up and down the banks of the stream, plainly unwilling to make the icy leap. Twenty-five feet across was the other side, however, and finally convincing himself that there was no alternative, the Finn plunged into the brook.

Wading, the water surged up about his body, and as he emerged on the other side black mud covered his legs and clung to his sweater. Kolehmainen smiled, not exactly happily, and went on his way.

Full Summary of the Big Race

Runner.	Club.	Time.
Hannes Kolehmainen, Irish-Amer.		33:36
Arthur J. Fogel, Irish-Amer.		38:49
Tom Barden, Irish-Amer.		38:57
George F. Holden, Yonkers Y. M. C. A.		39:00
Patrick Flynn, Irish-Amer.		39:24
Stanley Root, Mercury A. C., Phil.		39:34
Frank Zusa, Irish-Amer.		39:43
Hugh Hoshan, N. Y. A. C.		39:45
Schwartz, Mercury A. C., Phil.		39:56
W. Horton, N. Y. A. C.		39:58
H. Acker, N. Y. A. C.		39:58
M. Hughes, N. Y. A. C.		39:58
George Critchley, N. Y. A. C.		39:58
J. Lieberman, Mercury A. C., Phil.		39:58
G. W. Barden, Irish-Amer.		39:58
W. Fogel, Irish-Amer.		39:58
W. Rittler, Mercury A. C., Phil.		39:58
S. Cobb, N. Y. A. C.		39:58
S. Weiss, Mercury A. C., Phil.		39:58
D. Atwood, New Bedford (Mass.) Harriers		39:58

Individual Entries.	TEAM SCORE.
Irish-Amer.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 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